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HONGKONG, 14th December, 1901.

The remarks in the New York Times with regard to the attitude of the United States toward Russia in the matter of Manchuria, if they have a basis of fact, constitute a very important declaration. As for the claim that the United States have lost heavily so far through the Russian occupation of Manchuria, there can be no doubt of the truth of this, for the evidence is forthcoming from the consular reports. We have seen no complete list of the figures of American trade in China since the outbreak in the North, so that we cannot verify the statement that the loss to the United States in China is a direct consequence of Russia's occupation of Manchuria. It is indisputable, however, that in that province the States have suffered a heavy commercial blow. We have in the past spoken of the uncertainty as to American policy with regard to China, and put the Washington Government with that of Great Britain as doubtful elements in the situation which has risen over Manchuria.

We cannot say whether, from the pronouncement of the New York Times, it may be concluded that the United States Government has awoken to the real import of a permanent Russian occupation of Manchuria. That such an occupation would mean the absolute boycotting of all but Russian trade, no commercial man in China can have a doubt; but Governments are slower to observe such obvious facts than the mercantile community. Our own Foreign Office, in spite of its protestations that it recognises the importance of the various questions brought before it by the China Association and the various Chambers of Commerce, hardly yet inspires confidence. It may be (and it is earnestly to be hoped that this is so) that the Government at Washington is more really aware of the critical state of affairs now existing for all

engaged in Chinese trade. Hitherto all definite official declarations on the point have been carefully avoided, for we cannot consider phrases about "maintaining the open door" as of much weight. But if the New York Times has any authority for its forecast of the policy of the United States, then we have a very important new factor in the situation. The New York Journal says that the States are no intention of fighting Russia, but would "doubtless exercise a highly benevolent neutrality towards any Power doing so over the Manchurian or Corean situations." Now, were such a statement to be made officially, it would be considered a very bold statement, even from the American Government, less trammeled by diplomatic conventions than those of the European Powers. Coming merely through newspaper channels, its gravity cannot exactly be estimated. It is perhaps needless to say that the commercial community will hope that there is something behind the report in the New York Times, for the knowledge that the United States are prepared to be firm would put strength into other governments. France and Germany, it may be held certain, are for different reasons in favour of Russia remaining in Manchuria; and these two countries alone, it may also be presumed, are in favour of it. Japan, the States, and Great Britain are the most concerned in the evacuation of the province. Japan has already shown how strongly she is opposed to China giving a free hand to Russia. As yet the other two of the three Powers have hung back. If the forecast which we have been discussing of the United States' attitude be correct, it only remains for the British Government to give effect to the assurances which it has made in answer to commercial representations about Manchuria. Russia, having assured the world of her disinterestedness in the matter of Manchuria and her intention of restoring the province to China, would hardly in the face of the three Powers' wishes, be disposed to ignore her previous declarations. A peaceful solution of the Manchurian question would then be far more likely to result than through a continuance of the nervous attitude adopted up to now in official circles in Washington and London.

The British gunboat Bramble arrived from Canton yesterday, and the surveying ship Waterwitch returned from a cruise.

We are requested to call attention to the sale of jewelry by Messrs. Hughes & Hough at 11 o'clock this morning. As will be seen from the notice in another column, the jewelry offered for sale is of a very high quality.

This afternoon on the Happy Valley, in the first round for the Hongkong Football Challenge Shield, H.M.S. Glory will play 2nd Company, R.A. The kick-off is at four o'clock. Mr. Lowe will referee. A closely contested match may be expected.

"A" Machine Gun Co. will hold its monthly Carbine Competition to-morrow, the 15th inst. Firing will commence at 9 a.m. and the 200 yards range will close at 9:30 a.m. as usual. Owing to the parade to-day there will be no competition.

There will be a bowling match between the Hongkong Club and the Navy on the Club, Alloys, at 9 p.m. The following will represent the Club:—Lieut. Ball-Aclon, R.W.F., Lieut. Owen, R.W.F., J. Hooper, T. J. Gray, J. E. Lee, J. W. C. Bonnar, A. Ellis, and R. J. Gerrard (captain).

While working yesterday forenoon at No. 37, Wyndham Street, which is at present under repair, two Chinamen were thrown to the ground from a considerable height through the collapse of a scaffold. They were removed to the Government Civil Hospital. One was rendered unconscious and was severely injured, it being supposed that he has sustained a fracture of the skull. The other escaped with some bruises and cuts.

In the cricket match to-day the following will represent the Club against the Navy:—Major Beresford Ash, R.W.F., A. Mackenzie, A.G. Ward, Capt. Clapham, R.A., J. Hooper, C.M.G. Burnie, W.E. Dixon, Lt. Mohery, H.K.R., Lt. Venables, R.W.F., J. A. Woodgates, and T. Surcombe Smith (Capt.). The match will start at 10:30 a.m. and by kind permission of the Captains and Officers of H.M. Fleet a massed Naval Band will play during the afternoon. The annual match, Civilians v. United Services, will take place on Christmas Day, starting at 1:30 p.m. and be continued on Boxing Day at 10:30 a.m.

There was launched on Thursday evening from Kwong Tuck Cheong's Shipbuilding Yard at Hunghom the s.s. Wing Chai, built for the Wayen Steamship Co., Ltd. (manager, Mr. Yung Fu Sang). The new steamer is one of the largest ever built here. Her tonnage is about 900, gross, and her dimensions are: 184ft. in length, by 21ft. beam, by 12ft. 6in. depth of hold. The engines, which were built by the Tin Hing Co., Wan Chai, are of the compound surface condensing type; high pressure cylinder, 23in.; low pressure cylinder 46in.; length of stroke, 30in. She has two boilers, each 10ft. 6in. in diameter and 11ft. long; working pressure 10 lbs. The vessel is built entirely of teak and has very fine lines. A speed of 11 knots is expected to be reached. The launching and launching ceremony was successfully performed by Mr. H. F. Carmichael.

The German mail of the 13th November was delivered in London on the 12th inst.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—A Zoroastrian, \$10.

Herr and Madame Marguerat gave a successful concert at the Zorilla Theatre, Manila, on the 7th inst., the programme being much the same as that which was so much enjoyed here.

The head of the notorious negro renegade Fagan, deserter from the 24th Regiment, was brought in on the 5th inst. by a native scout to the commander of the U.S. troops at Boungabong, Nueva Ecija.

The fifth race this season of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club will take place tomorrow over course 5, i.e. mark-boats off Chung Hua, North Fairway buoy, mark-boat off Chung Hua (all starboard).

It was reported yesterday that Theodore Carlson, a seaman on board the sailing ship Oberya, had been removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from severe injuries sustained by falling from the fore-top while at work.

While sailing from Sammae to Canton with a cargo of 5,000 piculs of salt, a Chinese junk encountered rough weather off Lung Shun Wan on the morning of the 11th inst. and was capsized and sunk. The crew escaped by taking to the boat.

At the Magistracy yesterday Wing Yit, contractor, 5, Li Yuen Street, E., was sentenced by Mr. Kemp to pay a fine of \$25 with the alternative of 6 weeks' hard labour for having on 11th and 12th inst. caused an obstruction on Praya West by leaving a large quantity of timber and building material on the footpath there.

A correspondent writes to us concerning the bill-sticking nuisance in Hongkong, which, he says, is becoming too much of a good thing. He reports having seen police officers looking on while the bill-stickers were posting bills on the granite posts at the ends of the railings at Glenelg, in spite of Ordinance 14 of 1845, Section 3, sub-section 2.

By kind permission of Lt.-Col. Baillie and Officers the band of the 22nd Bombay Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel this evening from 8 to 9:30 o'clock. Programme:—

Valso ..... "Jeunesse Dorée" ..... Waldfried Selection ..... "On Songs of Wales" ..... Musau Polka ..... "See Breezy" ..... Wheeler Song ..... "Parting" ..... Bilton Barn Dance ..... "The Boston Belle" ..... Godfrey Selection ..... "Gaily Gaily" ..... Jones "God Save the King."

On the arrival of H. M. S. Endymion at Manila on the 5th inst. Fort Santiago by mistake fired a salute of 22 guns in stead of the customary 21. The Manila Times says of the Endymion's commander:—Captain Pagot will be remembered no doubt by many U.S. Army officers as the British officer who, standing beside General Shafter, before Santiago, and watching operations, turned to the General, and said, "General, this is a great day for the Anglo-Saxon race. This is a very interesting sight; but, General, this isn't war."

Before Mr. Kemp at the Magistracy yesterday, Douglas Grant, A.B., H.M.S. Talbot, was convicted of having, on the previous day, assaulted a ricksha coolie and also an Indian constable who interfered. He was intoxicated at the time and struggled all the way to the Police Station. On the first count he was sentenced to pay a fine of \$3 with the option of 7 days' imprisonment; on the second he was fined \$5 with the alternative of 14 days—the sentences to run consecutively. Charles Nutwell, a San Francisco seaman residing in the Sailor's Home, was fined \$1 with the alternative of 14 days' imprisonment, for assaulting a hawker.

The following telegram, dated Washington, 4th December, has been received by the Manila Times:—Senator Lodge has introduced an administration bill the purpose of which is to extend the provisions of the Dingley tariff against the Philippines. It is the opinion of many senators that one effect of Monday's decision of the Supreme Court will be the extension of the Dingley tariff rates to the Philippines instead of the present tariff which was enacted by the Civil Commission by the authority of the Secretary of War. Root has decided that the present tariff rates in the Philippines obtain and shall have full force and effect until the Courts order otherwise. A strong democratic senatorial opposition has developed against the Lodge bill. This means indefinite delay.

There has just been issued from the Daily Press Office a handsome souvenir of the recent Volunteer Camp at Stonecutters' Island in the shape of a descriptive account with photographic views. The author is Mr. George H. Evans of the Naval Yard. This gentleman has already made a name for himself in this class of publication with his *Illustrated Guide to Malta and Gozo*, etc., and this his latest work cannot but enhance the reputation which he enjoys. The letterpress is brightly written. Not only is there given a circumstantial account of the routine of the Camp; but the inner life with its many humorous asides is well and clearly depicted. A list of the officers and members of the Corps, etc., form a useful appendix. There are numerous views scattered throughout the book, illustrating various phases of Camp life, and including photos of the Commandant and of the General and his suite. As a momento of the Camp this little work, which is dressed in very pretty binding, will be welcome to all volunteers, and it is not without interest either to the civilian. At the price at which it is printed, \$1.50, it should command a ready sale.

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## TELEGRAMS.

## "DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.]

## THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

SHANGHAI, 18th December, 7:15 p.m.

REASON OF THE COURTS  
DEPARTURE.

Yung Lu has sent a secret despatch advising Director-General Sheng that the Imperial Court shall (sic) leave Kaifengfu to-morrow. Yung Lu says that he disregards possible personal danger, because delay means danger to the dynasty.

THE DOWAGER AND THE SECRET  
SOCIETIES.

It appears that on the Empress Dowager's birthday the Secret Society men fired the Palace at Kaifengfu. Two buildings were gutted before the flames were extinguished.

THE WAR IN SOUTH  
AFRICA.

LONDON, 13th December, 9:35 a.m.

## UNDOUTED BOER ATROCITIES.

Major Young telegraphs that the enquiry discloses shocking treatment of the British wounded after the rearguard action in which Colonel Benson was killed. He adds that the Boer commandants are desirous but are now unable to repress outrages and murder.

## GENERAL NEWS.

LONDON, 13th December, 9:35 a.m.

## MONEY MARKET.

Consols are at £72 7/16. The rate of interest for weekly advances ranges between 3% and 3½ per cent. Japanese New Loans have fallen to £76½. Bank rate is unchanged.

## REUTER'S SERVICE.

LONDON, 10th December.

## FIGHTING IN CAPE COLONY.

Commandant Maritz, with a strong force, thrice attacked the garrison of twenty men holding a grain-depot to the North of Calvinia, between the 27th November and 4th instant, when the attempt at capture was abandoned. The Boers had sixteen casualties.

## THE REINFORCEMENTS.

The Daily Mail states that the departure of fresh troops for the Cape on a large scale will commence shortly.

## SUPREME COURT.

Friday, 13th December.

## IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR A. G. WISE (ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE).

MAX KWAN SHEK v. FOO KAT CHEUNG. In this case plaintiff claimed \$1,236, money deposited with defendant, viz. \$1,150 and balance of money, \$86, received for use of the plaintiff.

Mr. W. M. Slade, barrister, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. E. H. Sharp, barrister, for the defendant.

Mr. Slade in opening the case said that plaintiff had been in the employment of the defendant firm down to 26th June, 1900, at which date he was discharged. Prior to that on 31st March, 1900, he deposited with the defendant firm a sum of \$1,150 and there was also due to him a sum of \$86 in respect of two cases of biscuits supplied to them. That money was deposited with the manager, Man Kai, in whose charge the business of the firm rested. Man Kai was now dead. He received this money as he had received money on previous occasions and gave a receipt for it. The defendant firm denied that the shop used was the shop employed by the firm for depositing or receiving money, and averred that the money was received personally by Man Kai and not on behalf of the firm. The plaintiff would prove that the money was given to the firm and not to Man Kai personally. The defendant firm stated that the sum deposited was only \$300, yet in a previous affidavit they declared that no money was deposited at all. They further stated that if any sum had been deposited with the firm such sum would have appeared in their books as having been deposited by the plaintiff. The sum of \$300, which they said was the only sum deposited had been, they averred, repaid, yet in their affidavit which he proposed to put in there was no document disclosed in the form of a receipt from the plaintiff for the sum of \$86 referred to, yet if it had been repaid they necessarily would have taken a receipt from him. Evidence was then led.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The M.M. steamer Indus, with the next French mail, left Saigon on the 13th inst. at 2 p.m. for this port.

The "Glen" liner steamer Glenesk, from Antwerp, Middlesex and London, left Singapore on the 13th inst. and is due here on the 18th inst.

## CHINESE LABOUR IN BORNEO.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

## Labuan, British North Borneo.

While the bars are high against the admission of Chinese into the Philippines, British North Borneo holds its door wide open and is beckoning that class of immigration to enter. Human perversity finds curious illustration in the effect of these diverse labour policies in neighbouring lands, for effort applies itself quite as sedulously to China as to Borneo to get Chinese in as it does in the Philippines to keep them out. In the Philippines immediate earning power may be the greater, but Borneo offers compensations which would seem to appeal to Chinese interest, such as land holdings under perpetual free lease, and license to smoke opium, gamble, and follow other home customs to which American authorities would not dare give legal sanction. The Borneo policy is well settled, the chief inducement to the governing company in agreeing to pay annuities of £3,000 to the Sultan of Brunei and Sulit for the use of the territory having probably been the dollar in China and which led the Canton Viceroy to dismiss lightly—"no matter, plenty more Chinese"—the Spanish Governor's apologies for the Manila massacre, would seem in place here, where no Chinese is expected to become a Christian, and where as a heathen he may draw a lucky number against fever.

Regardless of course, Chinese have no come to Borneo in numbers to stock the labour market to its capacity at any time, they have never come, as they go elsewhere, to take chances of work, but always with an advance and guarantee, and

yard for earth-cutting, or thirty cents each for sawing wood sleepers. Before settling upon a piece of land, the applicant must pay \$7.62 for survey and title for 999 years. Subsistence money may be borrowed from the government, but as work and wages are ready, it is not expected that anyone will apply for a loan. The master stroke proceeds to explain that Borneo is only four days and one-half from Hongkong, advised that passage be taken for Labuan, which is 25 miles from the railway, and declares that Chinese at work on the railway are healthy, with a doctor handy in case of need. There is plenty of timber, and water wheels may be built in the neighbouring streams. After the building of the railway, the export of sleepers and logs to China should provide employment for many men. At the upper end of the railway, hills are high, and the climate good. Tea can be grown there as well as in Java or Ceylon.

Several months have passed since this prospectus was placarded in China. Labour for the railroad meanwhile has been hired in the old way, by sending to a labour agent an order to engage coolies and promising 25 per head for all deliveries. It is said to be left for the coolie after payment of passage and commissions. Nearly all the help that the railroad contractor has engaged in that way. No coolies are reported to have responded for China to the happy effort of the Land Commissioner. Settlements along the road might be started by those now employed on that work, if they find the allurements of the country sufficiently strong. The road ought to be in operation early next year. Since garden crops may be grown rapidly thrifty labourers might tide themselves over until crops of longer growth and better market value can mature, thus giving the country a trial for at least a full season. First returns need not be specially encouraging to hold that colony and possibly to increase it. A long stay might lead to the planting of coconuts, nut trees, sugar-cane and gambier. Tapioque promises so well that the government has a standing offer to young men with a capital of £2,000 or more, of a free grant of 500 acres of land for that purpose, and for cinchona, coffee and tea. In a small way the Chinese settlers might try a hand at those products. That is probably the way a beginning must be made, for while all the growths may thrive, experiments with them so far have not shown attractive commercial results.

Unless North Borneo has an unlucky mark against it, good management ought to contrive with the means at hand to attract a Chinese population. Sarawak has greater area and more people than North Borneo, but it is much further south in the island, out of the direct line of trade, and it is not claimed to be physically superior to this territory. The personal force of Sir James Brooks and of his nephew, Sir Charles Johnson Brooke, the present Rajah, have made it what it is. They have had it for sixty years and it does more business, perhaps on that account, than this territory. The labour needs there have been supplied quietly and with great advantage to the revenues of the Rajah. Several times when he had no more Chinese, he arranged for them, and they came in according to schedule, not knowing much of it until their arrival. He is bringing into the colony from as far south as Foochow. The way he did it was to make a contract with a Chinese to deliver 2,000 men with their families, in two years. Half the deliveries will have been made by the end of this year. Foochow men often leave home to work in neaby provinces, returning when they can save enough strings of cash for a rest. This is the first time there has been a colonisation of such magnitude. The immigrants will come at least 1,500 miles. Those who can stand the climate will raise their families in Sarawak and become part of the permanent population. North Borneo seems to be relying on the publicity of an advertisement rather than upon the persuasion of an emissary as a means of drawing colonists. There may be no exception to the excellent rule that advertising pays, but it would look as if China furnished such an exception from the experience of the two colonies. What reliance on the railroad may do is quite conjectural. Sarawak prospers without a railroad, all its trade going by water. The Malay Peninsula is enjoying unprecedented prosperity, but there might be a different story to tell of its few lines of unconnected roads, were it not for the increasing wealth of its tin-mines. The Northern Borneo road aims at enlarging the marketable productive area in one corner of that territory and thus improving its revenues through a class of colonists who will be worth to it uncertain returns from duties on their exports, but an assured £2 per head for their flocks.

Doubtless Borneo can never be settled altogether by Europeans. Whether in the process of making it serve white enterprise it may become so inviting to Chinese that they will seek it as they have sought other lands, forecast must be idle. A beginning stretched over twenty years has not yet furnished satisfying results in that line. However well laid may be the foundations for moderately progressive government, some of the golden fancies of the governing company's promoters have already been dissipated. Possibly it will be the office of time to class Chinese colonisation among them.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

## A SMOKE NUISANCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 12th December.

SIR.—About 2 years ago, two manufacturing firms established business at the foot of St. Francis Street and the several ill-constructed funnels erected in their premises gave the locality an unsavoury aspect of a miniature manufacturing town. The depressing air, heavily laden with dust, soot, and smoke all the day long in this neighbourhood, makes living most unbearable, and repeated complaints have been made individually from time to time to the managing owners of these companies to no purpose.

Being powerless to check this flagrant abuse unless pressure be brought to bear, the owners, all the foreign and Chinese residents of Holy Infants Lane, St. Francis Street, Queen's Road East, etc., petitioned to the Government in the first week of July last year to be kind enough to adopt measures for the suppression of the smoke nuisance. After waiting for a few months, the petitioners thought that the Government had passed them over unnoticed, and on 29th September, 1901, another petition was presented to the Sanitary Board authorities, imploring the Board to use their good influence to assist them. At the meeting of the Sanitary Board held on 11th October, 1901, a report of which was published together with the petition in full... the issue of the *Daily Press* a day later, the Medical Officer of Health said in reference to it that "the Government have written home for full particulars as to the means of enforcing sub-section 7 of section 91 of the Imperial Public Health Act of 1875, which deals with smoke nuisance."

Since Dr. Clark's remark was made, nothing was done in the matter till the beginning of this year, when the Attorney-General introduced in Council a bill for the suppression of smoke nuisance. The bill was accordingly passed through its several stages, but the smoke nuisance is still going on unabated and besides these firms have erected two more new funnels in their premises; their last transgression was looked upon by the petitioners as a glaring invasion of their lawful rights as taxpayers and peaceful citizens wonder whether the action of the treatment of coolies by their masters has a lot to do with the behaviour of the coolies. I am very far from being pro-Chinese, but believe in treating coolies as human beings, with the result that, during the last two years which I have spent at the Peak, I have not only had no trouble with my four chair coolies, but lately, on removing from one house to another, where I have no room for more than two coolies, I told my boy to dismiss two of them, but they decline to go, preferring to crowd the four of themselves into quarters only large enough for two.

The wages I pay are the same as I paid two years ago, and are not above the market price. In addition to carrying me, they have to do odd jobs in the house, and two of them have to be at my office every day to run errands, &c. Now, if this can be so in one case, why not in all? If people were to try and consider a coolie as, at least, an approximation to a human being, I think we should hear less about the private coolie question.—Yours, etc., T.

same year, we beg to inform you that the complaints referred to are still going on unabated. When the Legislative Council passed the smoke-abatement Ordinance at the beginning of the present year, we thought that the Government would take action in suppressing this nuisance, but we found to our regret that nothing was done in the matter. We would call your kind attention that one of our petitioners addressed you on the subject in 12th June, 1901, pointing out the gravity of the existing evil prevailing in this locality, and your secretary in acknowledging receipt of this letter on the same day, "repeated the names of the firms complained of, which were furnished with the very next day and since then we have not heard any more relating to it." We take leave to reiterate again the great inconvenience which we have been subjected to for the last 20 months, and hope you will be good enough to protect us by enforcing the Ordinance relating to smoke nuisance against the two firms.

We are, Dear Sir,  
Your obedient servants,  
(Here follows a list of names).

I trust that His Excellency the Governor will be kind enough to investigate into the case not only of smoke nuisance but also of incessant noise caused by the many engineering firms establishing business in the heart of the population along Queen's Road East, and by doing so, I only endorse the opinion of Capt. Hon. F. H. May, I think, delivered in a speech by that gentleman at a recent meeting of the Sanitary Board.

If you could find space for inserting this letter I shall feel extremely obliged to you on behalf of those who have suffered for the last two years, as "men in distress are sacred objects."

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
M. FERNANDEZ.  
c/o Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd.

## PRIVATE CHAIR AND RICKSHA COOLIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 13th December.

SIR.—I see a letter from "Onairda" in your issue of this date, in conjunction with other recent letters to the Press on the subject of private chair and ricksha coolies, constrains me to offer a suggestion. It seems to me that the treatment of coolies by their masters has a lot to do with the behaviour of the coolies. I am very far from being pro-Chinese, but believe in treating coolies as human beings, with the result that, during the last two years which I have spent at the Peak, I have not only had no trouble with my four chair coolies, but lately, on removing from one house to another, where I have no room for more than two coolies, I told my boy to dismiss two of them, but they decline to go, preferring to crowd the four of themselves into quarters only large enough for two.

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## JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth say in their weekly share report, dated Hongkong, 13th December:—Continued dullness has ruled in our market during the past week, and we have only a miscellaneous business to report.

BANKS.—Small sales of Hongkong and Shanghai are reported at \$20. The London rate has slightly receded to £63. Nationals are offering at 82%.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions can be placed to some extent at \$342. China Traders have sold at \$53 and are wanted at rather less. North Chinas can be placed at £180. Yangtze continue on offer at \$130, and Canton at \$155.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkong are obtainable at \$365. Chinas still in request at \$363.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao are firm and up, and are in strong request at \$355. Indo-Chinas have weakened and are obtainable at \$345. China and Manilla are quiet at \$321. Douglas have sold at \$47. Star Ferries are offering at \$24 for the old, and 29 for the new issues. Shell Transports have further improved and are now salable at \$2, 175, 6d.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars continue quiet at \$31. Luzons under a continued enquiry have jumped to \$26.

MINING.—Panjoms have sold at \$35, and are now obtainable at \$35. Charbonnages have been placed at \$325, and are now quoted at \$350. Jeubens are still offering at \$44. Rauba have declined to \$11 with sellers.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have ruled very closely and close with sellers at \$290. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves can be obtained at \$96. New Amoy Docks are wanted at \$25.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands have sold at \$195, and are further obtainable at the rate. Kowloon Lands can be purchased at \$34. West Points are in the market to a small extent at \$85. Hongkong Hotels, after sales at \$140 for the settlement, are now offering at \$139. Oriented can probably be placed at \$56. Humphreys Estates are wanted at \$132, but are not obtainable under \$14.

COTTON MILLS.—Hongkong Cottons have declined to \$144, at which chance can be obtained. Ewes are somewhat lower at £14, 4s. sellers.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Great Island Cements are quiet with sellers at \$24. A. S. Watsons have sold at \$153. Electric can be procured at \$18 for the old and \$24 for the new issues.

Tramways are quiet at \$175, and Legs at \$185. China Providents have sold at \$94 and are still wanted. Tobacco Trusts have sold at \$50. Manila Investments are offering at \$47.

MEMO.—Dairy Farm Company, Limited, extraordinary general meeting to-morrow, the 14th inst.

## LATE TELEGRAMS.

NEWS VIA AUSTRALIA.

## THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

London, 12th November.

WARNING TO DR. LEYDS.

Dr. Leyds has been semi-officially warned in connection with his visit to Berlin that any pan-German agitation against the Right Hon. J. Chamberlain which he might assist in promoting would not modify Germany's foreign policy.

## MONUMENT TO DE WET.

Five hundred Germans, all bearing the name "bristling," have erected a monument in honour of the Boer leader, General Christian De Wet, at Scheerstein.

## PRESENTATION TO A TRAITOR.

Major McBride, who commanded the Irish Brigade against the British in the earlier part of the war in South Africa, has been presented with a sword of honour by Celtic subscribers in Paris. At the presentation ceremony a number of violent anti-British speeches were delivered.

London, 1st November.

## LEYDS AND FIEDLER AT BERLIN.

With regard to the object of the visit of Dr. Leyds and Mr. Fiedler to Berlin, the Times correspondent at Brussels states that the Boer representatives are making a supreme effort to obtain the mediation of the German Emperor between the Boer Government and Great Britain.

## SENTENCES ON REBELS.

A rebel named Vanwyk has been executed for treason, and for violently assaulting the postmistress at Marburg. The sentence of death passed upon the rebels Mabler, a farmer of Bavenstorf, West, for attempted murder, and Vanrensburg, for treason and murder at Colesberg, have been commuted to imprisonment for life. Vanrensburg, in addition, has been fined £1,000.

## KRUGER'S PEACE PROPOSALS DENIED.

Mr. Wolmarans, one of the Boer peace delegates who visited England last year, has contradicted the story of ex-President Kruger's terms of peace. He adds that absolute independence for the Boers is essential, and that the Rand will not be ceded.

A previous cable message stated that the London Daily Mail had published a statement which purported to be the terms of peace required by ex-President Kruger.

Mr. Kruger was stated to have expressed his willingness to cede the Rand to Great Britain, and to conclude peace; if an amnesty were granted to all colonial rebels, the Boer prisoners of war immediately returned to their homes, the British troops withdrawn, all farmhouses that have been destroyed rebuilt, and a treaty, to be guaranteed by France and Russia, concluded, granting immediate and complete autonomy to the Boer Republics under the Afrikander flag.

## GOLD OUTLET ON THE RAND.

Reports received from Johannesburg show that the output of gold from the Rand mines for the month of October totalled 33,393oz.

## BOER ATROCITIES.

Lord Kitchener has reported that the Boers recently captured and killed Private Christian Son, of the Cape Pioneer Railway Regiment. The Boers also shot and killed a sergeant of the Cape Police, who was away on sick leave. He was sitting on the "step" of the hotel where he was staying in the Ondasstrom district when he was shot. A rebel at Mateking has been sentenced to death for shooting a native in cold blood.

London, 14th November.

## ME. BRODRICK ON BOER ATROCITIES.

The Hon. W. St. John Brodrick, Secretary of State for War, addressed a meeting of the City Carlton Club last night, and made some important and interesting statements with regard to the war in South Africa. He stated that the Boers had frequently murdered Kaffirs in order to conceal their tracks from the pursuing British columns, and a cable message just received from Lord Kitchener stated that cold-blooded murders by the Boers had been frequent of late, and he gave several shocking instances of such atrocities.

London, 14th November.

## THE RHINE EVANGELICAL PARTY IN GERMANY.

The Rhine Evangelical party in Germany have been held at six of the German Universities, and a number of veteran German warriors who took part in the Franco-German war of 1870 denounced the Right Hon. J. Chamberlain for his recent supposed insulting references to the methods pursued by the Germans in that campaign. The Cologne Gazette, in an article on the subject, shows, however, that the agitation is based upon misinterpretations of Mr. Chamberlain's remarks.

LONDON, 14th November.

## ACTING QUARTERMASTER-SERGEANT BREW.

Acting Quartermaster-sergeant Brew, of the South Staffordshire Regiment, has been publicly degraded at Fleetwood for permitting meat, which had been passed by the Inspector of Army Stores, to be replaced by others of an inferior quality.

London, 12th November.

## INFANT MORTALITY IN ENGLAND.

London, 12th November.

Mr. Symons, medical health officer of Bath, in Somersetshire, has published a return showing that the mortality among infants for the summer quarter in Birkenhead, Salford, and Manchester has been greater than that in the concentration camps in South Africa, which has been the subject of so much pro-Boer comment.

RAILWAY ROUTES.

London, 13th November.

The authorities of the General Post Office deny that it is in contemplation to make use of the American route for the transmission of mails between England and Australia. They state, however, that they would gladly adopt this route if any material advantage in time were gained thereby.

A previous cable message stated that the London Daily Express on Thursday last published a report that the Oceanic Steamship Company was urging the British postal authorities to abandon the Suez route for the Australian mails in favour of the route via San Francisco, as the mails could be delivered five days quicker by this route.

LONDON, 13th November.

## THE CAPTURED MISSIONARY.

London, 12th November.

The Bulgarian Government is reported to be regarding the release of Miss Stone (the American missionary who was seized in Macedonia some two months ago, and has since been held captive for the purpose of exacting a ransom of £25,000) by trying to compel her captors to take refuge in Turkish territory. They thereby hope to meddle the Sultan with the burden of paying compensation for the outrage.

London, 13th November.

The United States Government have indicated that they will hold Bulgaria responsible for the safety of the American lady missionary, Miss Stone, and her companion, who were recently kidnapped in Macedonia, and have since been held for ransom.

UNDERGROUND TRAMWAYS IN LONDON.

The London County Council have decided to adopt a system of shallow underground tramways in the main street of the metropolis, in order to minimise the congestion to traffic.

THE GUN EXPLOSION.

London, 13th November.

Additional details have been received of the recent disastrous gun accident on board the first-class battleship *Hoplite*, of Astakos, in Greece. The weapon which exploded was a 6 in. quickfire, and not one of the big 13-in. guns, as first stated. After the misfire the armoured opened the breach to withdraw the cartridge, which, however, instantaneously ex-

## AUCTION

## PUBLIC AUCTION

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## NOTICE.

**T**O-DAY (SATURDAY) the Final for the R.A. POLO TROPHY takes place between the Club and R.W.F. at 3:45 P.M. on the Ground at Causeway Bay. The ROYAL ARTILLERY will be "AT HOME" to their friends.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1901. [3177]

**T**HE WARRANT OFFICERS of H.M.S. *Cressy* will NOT BE RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted by their Messman A.H. KING.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1901. [3172]

**Y**OUNG LADY required as ASSISTANT in TELEPHONE EXCHANGE. Fluent English and Chinese essential.

Apply to—

**T**HE MANAGER, Telephone Co., Hongkong, 14th December, 1901. [3169]

**C**OMMISSION AGENT at Hamburg, C with 7 years experience in China, and established at Hamburg since 1894 as Buying Agent for a Hongkong and a Shanghai Firm, is desirous of obtaining the Agency of a first-class Manila House for the purchase of Continental and British Goods. First-class References.

Apply to—

"F." Care of Daily Press Office, Hongkong, 14th December, 1901. [3173]

## HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

**T**HERE will be a SPOON COMPETITION TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 14th December, 1901, commencing at 2:45 P.M. Range—200, 500 and 600 yards. Seven Shots and a Sighter at each Range.

ALEX. MACKENZIE,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 14th December, 1901. [91]

## FOR SALE.

**F**LEABITTEN ARAB HORSE, 14 hds. 1 in., age 10, beloved Sound Quiet, no Vice. Not driven by present Owner but stated to be an excellent Trapper. Likely to play Polo. Price \$300 or offers.

Apply to—  
**M**ESS PRESIDENT,  
Hongkong Regiment.  
Hongkong, 14th December, 1901. [3168]

## TO LET.

**F**ROM the 1st of January, 1902, an OFFICE.

Apply to—  
**N**ORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,  
Superintendent's Office,  
3, Queen's Building, Top Floor.  
Hongkong, 14th December, 1901. [3170]

## NOTICE.

**D**URING REPAIRS to one of the WELLS, a full Supply of Water to the Kowloon Peninsula cannot be maintained. Water will, however, be TURNED ON from above 6 A.M. till NOON.

It is anticipated that the repairs will be completed and the full supply resumed within a few days.

The districts of Mong-kok-tsim and Yau-mati are not included in the above Notice, as they are supplied from a separate source.

W. CHATHAM,  
Water Authority.  
Hongkong, 14th December, 1901. [3174]

**T**HE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

**N**OTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHARE-HOLDERS of the above Company will be held, at the Registered Offices of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 27th day of December, 1901, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1901.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th to 29th inst., both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 14th December, 1901. [3171]

**T**HE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

**T**HE Company's New Steamship "ZAFIRO."

Captain A. Ramsay, will be despatched for the above port on WEDNESDAY, the 18th inst., at NOON.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the excellent accommodation provided by this steamer. She is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

**S**HEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 13th December, 1901. [3167]

**T**HE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS will be ready on Monday and will contain—

Leading Articles—  
Piracy in the Canton Delta.

The United States and Manchuria.

Tariff Revision.

The Water Supply.

Kiaochow and Weihaiwei.

The Isthmian Canal and the U.S. Senate.

The Serum Treatment of Plague.

The Crisis: Telegrams.

Hongkong Sanitary Board.

The Disinfecting of Pu Chun.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

Trial Trip of the Bahau Moro.

Canton.

Swatow.

Manila.

Foochow.

Chinese Labour in Borneo.

Correspondence.

Supreme Court.

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Extra copies 30 cents each (cash).

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1901.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

**T**HE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,

MONDAY,

the 16th DECEMBER, 1901, at 11 A.M., at

20, DES VŒUX ROAD,

ESPECIALLY IMPORTED FOR THE

CHRISTMAS SEASON.

257 BUNCHES MISTLETOE arrived to-

day from Newchwang.

TERMS.—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers,

Hongkong, 1st December, 1901. [3175]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

**T**HE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,

on

TUESDAY,

the 17th inst., at 2:30 P.M., at their

SALES ROOMS, 20, DES VŒUX ROAD,

SUNDAY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Comprising—

TEAK WOOD SIDEBOARDS with

GILT MARELE T-P TABLE, TEAK-

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ELECTRO PLATED and GLASS WARES,

A Quantity of ALUMINUM GOODS, &c.,

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Also

LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S GOLD

WATCHES and CHAINS, DIAMOND

RINGS, MUSICAL BOXES, WALL

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LIQUEUR STANDS, CANDLES, MAR-

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STATUES and FANCY GOODS for XMAS

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One COTTAGE PIANO, by Robinson & Co.

Catalogues can be had on the day of Sale.

TERMS.—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers,

Hongkong, 1st December, 1901. [3176]

## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMoy AND FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAILONG."

Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the

above ports TO-MORROW, the 15th inst.,

AT DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

**D**OUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,

General Managers,

Hongkong, 13th December, 1901. [3166]

## AUCTIONS

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

**T**HE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

TO DAY (SATURDAY),

the 14th DECEMBER, 1901, at 2:30 P.M., at

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A FINE COLLECTION OF LAIR

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OVER 7,000 STAMPS.

(Particulars can be seen in the Catalogue).

On View from Tuesday, the 10th inst.

TERMS.—Cash on delivery.

**G**EORGE P. LAMMERT,

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Hongkong, 5th December, 1901. [3104]

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Duddell Street.

For Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to—

**WILKINSON & GRIST,**

Solicitors,

70, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1901. [3113]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

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Everything most comfortable.

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The most attractive spot and very best hotel I have seen in China.

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An ideal place for a quiet holiday.

"Boa Vista" is by a long way the best Hotel in the East. We cannot strongly enough recommend this first-class house.

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Most pleasant retreat for one either in good or bad health.

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A charming place.

The best Hotel I have found in the Orient.

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## A MARRYING,

BY JULIA M. CROTTIE  
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Continued.

## III.

Like magic a change was wrought in the Dorney household. Before daylight on the morning after her arrival, Norry had a "blush on the hedge, and that same night the children, refreshed by well-made drinks and the faithful administration of the doctor's medicine, slept restfully in the fresh, sun and air-dried sheets.

The old aunt, although she was loud in her condemnation of the "foolishness" of employing "a thriving slip of a colonel," was yet made more comfortable than she ever remembered to have been in her life. She submitted unwillingly to the children to the active handmaiden's remedial measures, and was even fain to admit that there was no further occasion for Unigundy-pitch plasters for the "breast-boe." Every sensible article in the place was washed, all the corners which the old woman's dim eyes had been unable to explore were cleaned down, gathering, dust and cobwebs were swept down, whitewash lavishly applied, floors scoured, and white curtains hung over the clean windows where Norry's own geraniums had only salvaged from the wreck of the good times of the Kerry cow and other stock-bloomed. She was even something of a dressmaker too, and in the evenings when the pigs' pots were boiled, and the calf-teaching and milking and all the numberless day's duties were over, she employed herself making warm winter clothes for the children. Comfort, cleanliness, order, and the content and health that accompanied them took the place of the general wretchedness which Norry had found there.

"Father," said Katie, "do you know what they were saying at school to-day?"

"Norry and Tom Hayne would be married as soon as ever Shrove began; and that they'd go away with Lar to America. Won't that be frightful entirely—to leave us an' put all that wilderness of water between us?"

Sie did not see, in the dark, how her father started at her words and changed colour.

"Who told you so, Katie?" he asked.

"Oh, they were all saying it. 'Tis true, father. Everyone knows it, an' isn't it terrible?"

Thousands an' thousands of miles of water between us and Norry," and she began to cry desolately.

"Whist! Katie, she'd never do this."

"Oh, but she will, because he saved Lar from the drink. But if you'd ask her father, not to be getting married or going away, I don't think she'd refuse you. Won't you ask her, father, oh, won't you?"

"Well, maybe, I'll have a little talk with her," he was beginning, when Norry herself, candle in hand, came from the kitchen, calling Katie. In her pretty cotton gown, with her face of wild rose-bloom, the candle light bringing out the shimmer of her brown-gold hair, she was a picture that pleased well the eyes of father and daughter. Something in the questioning gaze of the former brought a momentary look of embarrassment over the girl's face.

"Norry," he said quietly, "I'd like to say a few words to you after the children are in bed."

When the house was quiet, she stole into the kitchen, knitting in hand, and seated herself humbly in the opposite corner of the chimney-place.

"You wanted to see me, sir," she said a little tremulously.

"Yes, I was going to ask you about those rumours we're hearing, Norry. Surely you wouldn't be going to take a step of the kind without telling the poor old grandfather or myself?"

"No, I was meaning to speak to you, this very night."

"... 'tis all true, Norry; going to be married an' live away."

"Yes," she answered.

"Well, the children will miss you. Well all be lonesome."

"I'll be lonesome myself," wpt Norry.

"Ah, Norry, you won't. You'll be going to a strange a' a prosperous nation where there's nothing but hope and happiness. 'Tis we in the old place will have time to think of—everything."

In the long summer days that's comin', what'll we do at all without our little Norry?"

Norry, crying forlornly behind her apron, pictured it all with an aching heart.

"I'll stay with ye," she cried with sudden determination.

"An' give up the boy an' the life of your choice?" Ah, Norry, why should we let you do such a thing?" No, a'course, take the good way an' prospect before you—we have no right to interfere in your lot."

In all her distress, for the tears that she seldom gave way to had turned to a storm of sobbing, she glanced at him and saw, as she thought, only the concern that any kind master might feel at parting with a faithful servant.

"Very well, sir," she said, quieting by an effort the violence of her grief. "As it is your wish, I'll keep my promise to Lar. 'Twas for his sake, and by his desire that I agreed to take this step." She was going to say more, but she checked herself, and rising, hurried out of the room.

Nothing more was said on the matter by Maurice, notwithstanding all Katie's entreaties to him to "stop the marrying," and so the wedding day came round.

Norry's wan looks were at ribited by the old aunt and neighbours to her nervousness at having to appear in public in the conspicuous position of a bride, but something seemed to strike Lar that morning.

"Norry," said he, "do you know what's in my mind? You don't care for Tom Hayne at all? Maybe it's on account of me entirely you're marrying him? Tell me the truth for my mother's sake."

"What's the good of telling it, Lar? 'Tis too late now to be drawing back."

"Too late? Look, Norry, sooner than have the weight of this on my mind, I'd face anything."

I promise you here on my banded knees that I'll never talk of sojourning or emigrating again if you give up Tom Hayne, an' live here, where I know you'd be happier than anywhere else in the world."

For a moment Norry's face shone with a look such as a reprieved criminal might bear, but as quickly clouded. "She remembered how calmly her master had discussed her leaving, how unwilling he had been to "interfere" in the "good prospect" before her."

"Never mind, Lar, 'tis too late, as I said, to be thinking of making changes now."

Every one agreed that Norry's wedding pro-

cession, as one of the handsomest that had been seen in the parish for many a year, but all who knew her declared that honour was no more than her due. Maurice, and the grandfather on horseback headed the cavalcade, then came the car containing the bride and Aunt Peggy, and the oldest little girls. Carts with feather beds covered with quilts of the gayest pattern contained the rest of the children, and all the neighbouring women folks, the procession winding up with a strong of mounted men and boys.

The bridegroom and Lar were waiting in the chapel, and it was remarked, by those who knew him that the former was looking very

much "upset," but they had little time to comment on this, for his reverence was already on the altar to which everybody hastily followed the wedding party.

The latter were on their knees for the priest. Blessing, when a sound between a scream and a croak, a kind of grasping expression of intolerable agitation, broke from the bridegroom.

"I believe, sir—I believe, your reverence"—he at length managed to say, and he struggled to his feet. "I believe I won't marry this girl at all."

The horrified people gazed at him and each other with incredulous eyes. Then the women began shrill expostulations and some of the more advanced threateningly towards him, but Maurice Dorney, with a wave of his hand, bade them peace. He came up and stood in Haynes's place.

"I'll marry her, your reverence," he said, "if she'll have me. Will you take me, Norry, for better or worse?"

The priest interpreted the eloquent confusion of blushing and silence and happy tears correctly.

"Let me ask the questions, and do the marrying, Maurice," he said, genially, proceeding with the service.

The children could hardly contain themselves until the ceremony was concluded.

"Now, you can't leave us, little second mother," they cried, hugging her to them as if they never meant to let her go again.

The old grandfather held her hand in his own kind, tremulous one.

"'Tis this little hand, an' no other will close my eyes at last, an' I'm content," he said.

The dunt was not so enthusiastic, for she had her own ideas about the fortune that Maurice's wife ought to bring, but then she remembered that Maurice wasn't a man for fortunes at all, some way, and that girls with money were mighty apt to take a high hand with the old people. Norry would be always good to them—there was nothing but kindness in the girl. She brought the best of good luck with her the day she came in to them, &c.

To Haynes met them in the porch, as they went out, and he wrung the hands of bride and bridegroom.

"'Twas Lar opened my eyes to a part of the truth this morning," he said. "Thank God it wasn't too late. 'Tis a bitter blow to me, but I'm leaving for America, and I can forget there, maybe. Good luck to ye; at any rate, better luck than mine!"

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LONDON	BORNEO	Brit. str.	2 m.	D. C. Gregor, E.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-day, at Noon.
LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL	GLENROY	Brit. str.	2 m.	Forbes Sabby	MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 20th inst.
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LONDON	GLAUCUS	Brit. str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 24th inst.
LONDON	DRACULION	Brit. str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 7th January.
LONDON	PELEUS	Brit. str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 21st January.
LIVERPOOL DIRECT	IXION	Brit. str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 18th inst.
MARSEILLE, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	PATROCLUS	Fren. str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 15th January.
MARSEILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP, V. SPOR, &c.	VILLE DE LA CIOTAT	Fren. str.	2 m.		MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 16th inst., at 1 P.M.
KRAGEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	WAKASA MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.		NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 27th inst., at Daylight.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	KONG ALBERT	Ger. str.	2 m.		MELCHERS & CO.	On 25th inst., at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SEBIA	Ger. str.	2 m.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 24th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	NUERNBERG	Ger. str.	2 m.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 6th January.
STRASBURG	AMBIA	Ger. str.	2 m.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 13th January.
TRISTE, VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	C. FEED, LAEISZ	Ger. str.	2 m.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 28th January.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	AUSTRIA	Aus. str.	2 m.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 26th February.
NEW YORK	LENNIX	Brit. str.	2 m.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 18th inst., P.M.
ACARA	ACARA	Brit. str.	1 m.		SANDER WIELER & CO.	On 21st inst.
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TARTAR	TAIWAN	Brit. str.	2 m.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 18th inst., at Noon.
TAICCA	RIOJUN MARU	Jap. str.	4 m.	E. Beetham	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 29th January.
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PORTLAND, OREGON	INDRAVELLI	Brit. str.	2 m.	S. J. G. Parsons	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 30th inst., at 4 P.M.
SAN DIEGO, &c., VIA MOJI, &c.	THYRA	Brit. str.	2 m.		DODWELL & CO. LIMITED	On about 18th inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	TAIWAN	Brit. str.	2 m.		ALLAN CAMERON	On 26th inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	RUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 30th inst.
YOKOHAMA, KORE	MARIA VALERIA	Aus. str.	2 m.	E. W. Haswell	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 27th inst., at 4 P.M.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KAWACHI MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 19th inst., P.M.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI MOJI & KOBE	MALACCA	Brit. str.	2 m.	J. S. Thompson	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 20th inst., at Daylight.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	E. G. Andrews	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On about 17th inst.
SHANGHAI	WHAMPOA	Brit. str.	2 m.	A. E. Moses	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 20th inst., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	BENGAL	Brit. str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 21st inst.
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ANPING, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	ANPING MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	S. Akitomi	MESSENGERIES MARITIMES	On about 16th inst.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	MAIDUZU MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	T. Saito	MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA	On 18th inst., at Daylight.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	DAIGI MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	T. Katano	MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA	On 25th inst.
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TAIWAN	SUSKEIANG	Brit. str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 28th inst.
BOMBAY DIRECT	IDZUMI MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	M. J. Currow	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 26th inst., at Noon.
BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE & PENANG	BOEMIDA	Ital. str.	2 m.	D. Costa	CARLOWAY & CO.	On 16th inst., at Noon.
CALCUTTA	SENECA	Brit. str.	2 m.	R. Cormack	DODWELL & CO. LIMITED	On about 15th inst.

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## ARRIVALS.

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Dec. 13, APRENDA, German str., 611, Lorenzen, Haiphong 1st Dec. and Hoihow 12th, Rice and General—JESSEN & CO.

Dec. 13, BENCLUTRA, British str., 1,320, C. Stewart, Shanghai 10th Dec., General—CHINESE.

Dec. 13, BRAMBLE, British g.-bt. from Canton.

Dec. 13, KWEIYANG, British str., 1,062, A. W. Outerbridge, Tianjin 4th Dec. and Chefoo 8th, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

Dec. 13, SISHAN, British str., 845, Alan Jones, Sagoon 7th Dec., Rice-flour—BRADLEY & CO.

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Dec. 13, THALES, British str., 823, Robson, Foochow via Amoy and Swatow 10th Dec., General—DOUGLAS LAPEYRE & CO.

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Kweizeng, British str., for Canton.

Lee-mooe, German str., for Shanghai.

Sawin, German str., for Singapore.

Thales, British str., for Swatow.

DEPARTURES.

13th December.

ABEDEEN DOCKS—Tofu, Zafiro.

KOWLOON DOCKS—Canton River, H. J. Albrecht, Tacoma, U.S.A. Princeton, Lal-Loc, Satura, H.M.S. Plover, Rue, S.M.S. Iris, S.M.S. Tiger, S.M.S. Aurora.

COSMOPOLITAN DOCK—Tsincheung, Yuen-

VESSELS IN DOCK.

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For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to

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Hongkong, 18th December, 1901.

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Hongkong, 23rd November, 1901.

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Captain Forbes Solly, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 20th December.

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Hongkong, 6th December, 1901.

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Hongkong, 28th November, 1901.

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Captain C. L. Daniel, carrying His Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this for Bombay, on SATURDAY, the 21st December, at NOON taking passengers and cargo for the above ports.

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Parcels will be received at this Office, until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further particulars, apply to

A. HEWEITT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 9th December, 1901.

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## VESSELS ON THE BERTH

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FOR FOOCHOW VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"ANPING MARU"

Captain S. Atsumi, will be despatched for the above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 18th inst., at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,

Agents.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1901.

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AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"MARIA VALERIE"

Captain Berberovich, will leave for the above places on THURSDAY, the 19th instant, P.M.

The steamer has capital accommodation for Passengers. Electric Light. A Doctor is carried.

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SANDER, WIELER &amp; CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1901.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in

any case whatever.

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obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

E. A. HEWEITT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1901.

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THE Steamship

